

Whatever the arguments are about whether the Feb. revolution held "historic primacy" over the October, because the first was spontaneous and the other Bolshevik-planned, there is no greater calumny against the RR and RL's appreciation of it -- and by it I mean Nov. 7, not just March than the Mensheviks have perpetrated against RL's legacy and misinterpretation of her critique of the RR. Her critique was open enough and some were justified (to this we'll turn later), and a great deal were not. But of one thing there is absolutely no doubt, and that is that the critique was always subordinated to the praise and acceptance of Nov. :

"The party of Lenin was thus the only one in Russia ~~which~~ which grasped the true interest of the revolution in that first period. It was the element that drove the revolution forward, and, thus it was the only party which really carried on a socialist policy."

"The RR is the mightiest event of the World War... the mighty sweep of the revolution in Russia, the profound result which has transformed all class relationships, raised all social and economic problems."

(p. 368) "The fate of the revolution in Russia depended fully upon international events. That the Bolsheviks have based their policies entirely on the world proletarian revolution in the <sup>clearest</sup> proof of their political far-sightedness and <sup>firmness of</sup> principle, and <sup>of</sup> the bold scope of their policies."

RL Speaks

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As for her opposition to the question of self-determination of nations,  
our age can see how  
warning that it would lead to the "disintegration" of Russia, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~  
utterly wrong she was better than her age:

shall P378-9  
The formula of the right of the various nationalities  
of the Russian Empire to determine their fate independently  
'even to the point of the right of governmental separation  
from Russia' was proclaimed again with doctrinaire obstin-  
acy as a special battle cry of Lenin and his comrades  
during their opposition against Milukovist, and then  
Kerenskyan imperialism. It constituted the axis of their  
inner policy after the October Revolution also... "

RL  
speaks  
In the 1918 article of the Russian Revolution, RL wrote: "The  
Bolsheviks are in part responsible for the fact that the military  
defeat was transformed into the military collapse and breakdown of  
Russia... By a slogan which they placed in the foreground of their  
policy, the so-called right of self-determination of peoples, or --  
something which was really implicit in the slogan -- the slogan of  
the disintegration of Russia." (p. 292)

FL Speaks

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P. 372: "...the Bolshevik tendency performs the historic service of having proclaimed from the very beginning, and having followed with iron consistency, those tactics which alone could save democracy and drive the revolution ahead.

All power exclusively in the hands of the worker and peasant masses; in the hands of the soviets--this was indeed the only way out of the difficulty into which the revolution had gotten; this was the sword stroke with which they cut the Gordian knot, freed the revolution from a narrow blind alley and opened up for it an untrammelled path into free and open fields.

P. 395: "Lenin and Trotsky and their friends were the first, those who went ahead as an example to the proletariat of the world; they are still the only ones up to now <sup>who can cry</sup> with Kautsky: 'I have dared!'

"This is the essential and enduring in Bolshevik policy. In this sense theirs is the immortal historical service of having marched at the head of the international proletariat with the conquest of political power and the practical placing of the problem of the realization of socialism, and of having advanced mightily the settlement of the score between capital and labor in the entire world. In Russia the problem could only be posed. It could not be solved in Russia. And in this sense, the future everywhere belongs to 'Bolshevism.'"

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Howard

P. 290: RL -- "No rigid formula for organization will do to express Marx's conception of socialism."

"It seems to us to be a mechanistic transfer of the organizational principle of the Blanquist movement of conspiratorial groups to the Social-Democratic movement of the working masses."

P. 292: RL -- "In each case they were the spontaneous product of the movement in action." (The reference is to the 1896 strike in St. Petersburg by the students and the 1902 mass strike in Rostov-on-Don.)

...the sharp issue with the fact that Lenin thinks that  
 ...right opportunism arguing especially against  
 ...question of forging by means of the paragraphs  
 ...a more or less sharp weapon against opportunism.  
 ...the sharper this weapon must be."  
 ...did "not arise from human heads but  
 ...the attempt to exercise opportunism by means  
 of a scrap of paper can in fact, only affect Social Democracy itself, in that  
 ...weaken its capacity for resistance, not  
 ...more importantly,  
 ...turn against the end."

Q Q Q  
 1896  
 1902  
 1917

Findlay, p. 253: "The origin of the idea in the notion of teleology throws immense light on Hegel's philosophy. The idea does not explain things by their cause, or their underlying substance, or the whole of which they are parts: it explains by being the end towards which they must be thought of as tending."

...we should be able to see what Hegel means by the 'Notion' by seeing how its concept developed out of the 3 concepts of substance, reciprocity, and necessity there 'swung over' into causality and freedom."

Cause  
 Effect  
 1896  
 1902  
 1917

within NB. Freedom equals Quality  
 on the threshold of the New goal, striving, NB!

RL  
On page 8 RL reveals how Engelsian she really was, even to the point of attributing historical materialism to classical political economy. The only difference becomes that "instinctive application of historical materialism without the Marxian dialectic" is insufficient.

On page 9 she has a beautiful quotation from Marx ( PART I, ~~BOOK I~~ <sup>p 52</sup> OF THE English translation of Th SV ) the whole point being that Marx brings in beautifully the historical correlation to "all the windings of theoretic thought in bourgeois economics." She then mentions the theory of value, the question of the 17th c. guilds, as evidenced in ~~the~~ Petty, Locke, North, Ricardo.

On p. 10, Q:

"With the publication of ~~the~~ the history of economics, Marx's Capital -- and with it his work of the scientific conquest of bourgeois society -- is now completed. The book, like all fundamental works of the Marxian teaching, is not just a scientific accomplishment of the first order, but a historical deed, which can only be appreciated in connection with and in light of the historic struggle of social democracy."

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Looker

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p. 144 (Looker p. 254) [The path of the Revolution follows clearly from its ends, its method follows from its task. All power in the hands of the working masses, in the hands of workers' and soldiers' councils...this is the guiding principle...Every step, every act...must, like a compass, point in this direction.]

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Q p. 11

LUXEMBURG:

COPPER SMALL COIN

"A turn from the worn, copper small coin of makeshift  
daily slogans and solutions to the unalloyed gold of ..."

A more inspired striving for understanding of the historical,  
philosophic, and economic roots of the SD class struggle, a

turn from the worn, copper small coin of makeshift

daily slogans and solutions to the unalloyed gold of

the Marxian conception in its total world-transforming

power, that is the admission of the new, final work from

the scientific legacy of Marx.

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